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REPLY TO:

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March 17, 2004

SENT VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Lower Passaic River Study Area / Congoluem Corporation
Our File No.: 6378

Dear Ms. Reddy:

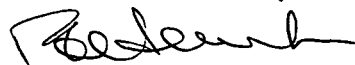
We are in receipt of your letter of March 10, 2004, and the final AOC regarding settlement of the above matter. We called and left a message today, March 17, and we may well speak before your receipt of this letter.

As you know, Congoleum filed bankruptcy on December 31, 2003. We provided you with bankruptcy counsel contact information by letter dated February 27, 2004.

It is our understanding that Congoleum's participation in settlement is subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. We are working with bankruptcy counsel regarding this matter and will report details to you as soon as we know them. Please call so that we can discuss preserving Congoleum's rights to participate in settlement pending bankruptcy approval.

Sincerely yours,

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